

homestay village *Ban Phu*

Ban Phu has been a home-stay village since 2006. From Ban Phu people can tour the area and see the traditional life of the Phu Thai people. While in Ban Phu you can stay in traditional houses while observing the daily life and the cultural traditions of the Phu Thai people. Visitors are welcomed with a traditional welcome dance and parade leading to the Community Learning Center of Ban Phu. At the center visitors learn about the identity of the local community and are able to sample the best foods brought in by locals. Some of these foods include a curry served in bamboo, chicken curry in rattan, spicy dips, and vegetables grown organically. Food is served according to the season and availability. In the evenings there are cultural displays, for instance traditional cotton weaving, flirting with young girls, speaking Phaya, playing jacks, playing Saba, Phu Thai dancing, Bai Sri dancing, and children's performances from elementary age all the way through high school. Finally, there is a Retro Dance. The ceremony ends at 9:30 p.m. so that the guests can rest. Early the next morning visitors will be able to make merit and have breakfast with their host. After that visitors will study and observe examples of sufficient living and visit other group activities.



Rates :

50 or more guests 500 baht per person/night.

30 - 49 guests 600 baht/night.

Less than 29 guests 800 baht/night.

Included in the costs: Dinner, shows,
lodging, merit making and breakfast
with the host

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**BAN PHU VILLAGE,
MUKDAHAN PROVINCE**

Community Resource Center

Community Development Department

Bank for Agriculture and Agricultural Co-operatives

Culture Project of Ban Pao Subdistrict

Nong Sung District, Mukdahan Province, Thailand

Ban Phu fellowship

Thai traditions

Famous and unique silk

Local music

Local food

Well known economy

Cotton in Khit style

Simple home-stay.

Ban Phu is a Phu Thai community. The village has a history of over 100 years. Ban Phu Moo 1 and 2, in Ban Pao subdistrict, Nong Sung district, Mukdahan province. Before, Ban Phu was part of Nong Sung. They migrated from Kham Aw Khiaw and Wang in Laos during the reign of King Rhama III in the year of 1844. They made Mr. Sihanam from Kham Aw the leader of Nong Sung and gave him the title and renamed him Prakraisorarat leader of Nong Sung.



Ban Phu is known for having a strong community. They have been honored as a model community. For instance, in 2006 they received an award from Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn for being a peaceful and happy village. In 2007 Ban Phu received an award for being a good tourist destination. In 2009 they received an award for preserving culture, living a sufficient life, and for being a model community in the province of Mukdahan. They have also been awarded the eighth Tourism Industries ~ trophy for having outstanding tourism.

In the year 1881 some of the villagers from Nong Sung migrated to live on the bank of the Bang-I Creek. However, there was a flood and many of the people contracted dysentery causing them eat less. Around 20 of the families led by Mr. Suphosombat, Mr. Mahasongkhram, Mr. Mahasana, and Mr. Kittirat migrated to the right bank of Krabaen Creek and to a local vegetable field where the leader, Mr. Noon already lived. He called the area Ban Lup Phu. They made Mr. Suphosombat the leader. After around 30 years they moved to another small mountain, which is modern-day Ban Phu.

*A model community development along
The Philosophy of Sufficiency
Economy is divided into six pillars.*



Pillar 1 Reducing expenses – Each family is encouraged to plant their own food. With what is left, they are encouraged to share with others. Groups are formed to produce their own dish-washing soap. No gambling or illegal drugs.

Pillar 2 Improving income – Each family is encouraged to have extra income from things such as making noodles, weaving silk cloth, weaving Khit cotton, weaving Khirinakhorn cloth, using cloth to make other products, producing organic fertilizer pellets, and other co-ops producing fertilizer, and other enterprises.



Pillar 3 Saving – Each family is encouraged to save in order to have money when it is needed. They are able to place their savings in the local bank of Ban Phu – Kririnakhorn Bank.

Pillar 4 Education – Residents are encouraged to learn and preserve local wisdom from the elders in their community. Wisdom is passed from generation to generation.

Pillar 5 Preserve Natural Resources – Residents are encouraged to take part in preserving nature, forests, mountains, and water resources.

Pillar 6 Sharing – Each family is encouraged to help each other. They are advised to pool their resources and share them when needed according to local Phu Thai culture in Ban Phu.

